

stunned and believed. The general impression seemed to be that the town was on fire, the next that the Duke of Wellington had been assassinated; but when it was discovered that the King was advancing the consternation became general, and every one hurried to the Place Royale, where the Austrians and Brunswickers were already mustering.

About one o'clock in the morning of the 10th the whole population of Brussels was in motion. The streets were crowded as in full day; lights flashed to and fro; artillery and baggage-wagons were creaking in every direction; the bells rang to arms, and the bugles sounded. The noise and bustle surpassed all description. There were horses lunging and kicking amongst a crowd of terrified burghers, here lovers-parting from their weeping mistresses. Now the attention was attracted by a park of artillery thundering through the streets, and now again by a group of officers disputing loudly their demands of their imperturbable Flemish soldiers, for not even the panic which prevailed could rattle the Flemings out of a single shilling; screams and bells occasionally arose above the busy hum that murmured through the crowd, but the general sound resembled the roar of a distant ocean. Between two and three o'clock the Brunswickers marched from the town.

** At four the whole disposable force, under the Duke of Wellington was collected together, but in such haste that many of the officers had no time to change, their silk stockings with (laid in) and Home, quite overcome by rowdiness, with 141 men lying asleep about the camp parts, still sleeping, however, with a firm hand, the reins of their horses, which were gripped by their hands.

^u About five o'clock the word 'march' was heard in all directions, and instantly the whole moved. The Duke appeared to move immediately. I conversed with Heviser of the Uxbridge to the depot. It was not until after the lightening, idea of an approaching enemy.

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